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The Mayor's Charity Relief Fund was started in 1960 with the proceeds from then Mayor Kuson J. Haddad's first Inaugural Ball. While a variety of charitable fundraising events and functions have been held throughout subsequent years to raise additional funds, the Mayor's Charity Ball held every inaugural year is, at present, the prime source of funding.

The Mayor's Charity Relief Fund is one of the most valuable resources for the Human Services Department which faces ever increasing demand. All recipients are residents of Marlborough. Most often, applicants initiate a request for help through the Human Services Department which conducts interviews to determine qualification. Recommendations are then forwarded to the Mayor who has final approval of each request. On occasion, hardship requests come directly to the Mayor's Office. Applicants can be serviced only once per year with accurate records kept to ensure proper procedures.

Funds from the Mayor's Charity Relief Fund have been used to help citizens in a variety of ways – contributions toward rent or utility bills, special community service projects, extreme family circumstances, other help-oriented organizations such as the Marlborough Food Pantry or holiday Adopt-a-Family program, youth groups. Over 300 individuals or organizations have been helped since July 2002.